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To: Massachusetts Nursing and Professional Healthcare Organizations

From: Laurie Talarico, MS, RN, CNP, Nursing Practice Coordinator

Re: Revised Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

MA Department of Public Health (DPH) has selected Appriss as the vendor for the new PMP solution. The Appriss solution provides both a new data collection tool (PMP Clearinghouse) and a new online PMP tool (Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT)).

Pursuant to *105cmr700.012 and Chapter 52 - Acts of 2016, An Act Relative to Substance Use Treatment, Education and Prevention* all prescribers are required to use MassPAT before prescribing a Sch. II-III drug *and* before prescribing a benzodiazepine or a DPH designated Sch. IV-V for the 1st time.

The new online system, Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT), will be live summer 2016!

Please review the [Instructional Flyer](#) for important information.

For more information, including instructional material, please visit:
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